GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1969
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
ANTI LTTE OPERATION WITH INDIAN AID
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sri Lanka has sought India's aid in anti-LTTE Operations as published in the Times of India dated November 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts in regard thereto; and

(c) the salient features of discussion held and the decision arrived at in the meeting between Indian Naval Chief and Srilankan Navy Vice Admiral?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1969 FC 30.11.2000

There has been no request from Sri Lanka seeking India's aid in anti-LTTE operations.

2. The visit of Sri Lankan Navy Chief wasa routine ceremonial visit. The issues discussed between the two Naval Chiefs concerned cooperation between the Sri Lankan Navy and the Indian Navy in areas such as training, goodwill visits etc.